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K. N. C.

Opens Winter Term With Large Attendance.

Enthusiastic Exercises at the Opening at Court House Monday Morning.

The opening exercises of the Kentucky Normal College in all its departments occurred in the court house, this city, on Monday morning last. The affair was entirely impromptu, but it was nevertheless a very interesting occasion. The officers of the college had been making a special effort in its behalf during the recess of two weeks at the holiday season, but they hardly expected the big demonstration which was made in the court house on the first day of the winter term.

Early in the morning the students of the college and the pupils of the public school department began to assemble in their respective buildings, but the word was soon passed that all were expected to appear in the big hall of justice in the public square; not to answer to any charge, but to meet and greet their fellow students.

The summons was obeyed, and the NEWS believes that no such an audience ever filled the spacious court room before. The young people came in by departments or local sections, and as each section appeared it was greeted with hearty, welcoming demonstrations by those already assembled. None elicited more applause than did the young people, the little people and the tiny tots from the public school. These are they who will ere long be students at the big college which rises so grandly on the southern edge of our own beautiful Louisa.

Students of the schools were not the only ones who had assembled. Many of our representative men and women had come out to give greeting to the strangers and to manifest by their words and presence that these young men and women who had, tearfully, perhaps, but with high resolve and noble purpose, left home and friends, had friends in Louisa who would lend a helping hand.

When all had assembled Vice-President Kennison called the large audience to order and made some remarks apropos to the occasion. He asked Prof. McClure to lead in singing, and the professor said that the song "Work" seemed to him a suitable one. It surely is. The NEWS doubts if any other school does the amount of work which is—must be—done by the students of the K. N. C. If they ever want a slogan, a war cry, let it be this: W-O-R-K!

After the singing the Rev. W. L. Reid, of the M. E. Church South, read the 4th chapter of Philippians, after which the Rev. Dr. Hanford, of the M. E. Church, offered an appropriate prayer. After the singing of America Prof. Kennison called on Fred Vinson, who is now at home from the law school at Danville for the holidays, to address the audience. Mr. Vinson responded to the call and made an address to the audience which made a very fine impression. He spoke easily and fluently, telling in a conversational and familiar way of his pride in his town, in his home people, and in his alma mater. He contrasted the so-called "mountaineer" with the dweller in the Bluegrass, and the already famed K. N. C. with many other schools, and in weighing their respective merits we and ours tipped the balance every time. All present were delighted with what Mr. Vinson said, and it should have been heard by all of the very few who believe that the best use for cold water is to throw some of it on our college and public school.

M. S. Burns and G. W. Castle were asked by Prof. Kennison to talk to the students, and each complied in his characteristic way. Both are good talkers, and both know what it is to work for an education. Their words of encouragement were inspiring and their advice will,

if heeded, be helpful to these boys and girls who have left home, many of them at a great sacrifice on part of their parents, and come to the K. N. C. to acquire an education.

Willie Wallen, of Floyd county, and old pupil of Prof. Byington and Kennison, was called for, and he spoke for several minutes in a very pleasing and interesting way. Good speakers seem to be as plentiful in the hills of Sandy as are their fair women and brave men.

As a fitting finale to a most interesting occasion Prof. Kennison called upon the college president, Prof. W. M. Byington, to say a few words. Prof. Byington does not use many words nor consume much time in telling his story, but what he says is as full of good things as an egg is of meat. He told of his labors during what was a vacation for many of his rides into the enemy's country where he gained a pupil for nearly every mile traveled, and of his hopes and the prospects for this session. He told of what he wanted the pupils to do and how he wanted them to conduct themselves, intimating pretty plainly that the students must act as he desired—all of it reasonable—or seek other fields. His short talk was well received.

By the arrival of the hour for the first recitations of the afternoon classes were ready and the winter term of the Kentucky Normal College was on, with assured prospects for a brilliant and successful session.

Sheriff Carter.

It is now Sheriff John Carter. He has given all the required bonds and has been duly sworn into office and has appointed his deputies. His deputies are James Clayton, Hugh Cordle, Wheeler Carter and Edmund Ross.

Sheriff Carter and deputy Ross are both bonded by the Citizens Trust and Guaranty Co., of Parkersburg, W. Va. These officers have all been qualified and are in the discharge of their duties. Deputy Clayton has had a year's experience as Sheriff by appointment, and made an efficient officer.

A BORROWING STRANGER.

Louisa Citizens Have Novel Experience With an Unknown Visitor.

A young fellow giving his name as R. C. Steinmetz attracted considerable attention in Louisa Tuesday and Wednesday of this week. He claimed to hail from Point Pleasant, W. Va.

He succeeded in borrowing small sums of money from several persons here on Tuesday, claiming that he had lost his pocket book and needed enough to pay his fare to Point Pleasant. At intervals all through the day he was visiting the banks and having transactions that showed he had several times the amount of money needed to pay his fare to Point Pleasant.

He seemed to have a fondness for professional men, as his victims were lawyers, doctors and ministers. On Wednesday about noon some of the victims tumbled to the fellow's game and went after him. He put up a brazen and impudent defense, but escaped to West Virginia. They followed him and were in the act of procuring a warrant when he weakened and refunded the money. After settling all accounts, so far as we have heard, he evidently had plenty of money left. No prosecution was attempted and he departed on the C. & O. train Wednesday evening.

Two Freight Wrecks.

A bad freight wreck occurred at Graves Shoals last Friday and another near Ivel, east of Prestonsburg, last Tuesday afternoon. Some cars and some track were badly damaged and trains were delayed, but fortunately there was no loss of life or limb.

Preaching Services.

Rev. Arthur Preston will preach in the Baptist Church in Louisa next Sunday morning and night. All are cordially invited to attend.

Great Edition of Louisville Times.

The first copy of the Louisville Times was printed in May, 1884. It weighed about an ounce. On Friday last it celebrated its 25th anniversary. The edition printed in honor of that important event weighed, one copy of it, containing 108 pages, two pounds. The amount of paper consumed in the edition was between 130,000 and 150,000 pounds. This alone will give many persons some idea of the magnitude of the edition and the cost of it. In each copy printed there is five cents' worth of paper.

This magnificent birthday paper was not a mere bundle of statistical and chronological facts, gathered and compiled to "pad" and fill a certain amount of space, but it was an exhaustive review of the birth and growth of every industry, business and profession from the time the first trail in Kentucky was struck by the white man to the present period of achievement and prosperity.

Nearly every one of the 108 pages was beautifully illustrated with cuts reproduced from photographs and other pictures. These made a splendid adornment for this unparalleled specimen of the art typographical.

The Louisville Times as an evening paper stands head and shoulders above any other newspaper in the South and Southwest. It is a newspaper in the fullest, highest and best sense of the word. It is clean, bright, honest and independent. It gives all the news that is fit to be heard in the family, and a close perusal by the editor of this paper for many years has failed to discover a dull or a "yellow" line. Long may the Louisville Times continue its admirable, prosperous career.

Don't Like the Crossings.

The people living in the north-west part of Louisa are complaining of the character of the two crossings recently put in at the intersection of Perry and Lady Washington streets. Two of the crossings, at Lady Washington and Main streets were taken up because they were bad ones, and two excellent concrete ones laid down in their place. The stones taken from Main and Lady Washington streets were taken to Lady Washington and Perry. There a couple of ditches were dug and these stones laid in them in a very irregular, imperfect way. All of them are very rough, and many are below the level of the street, some of them above it. The yellow dirt, much of it, taken from the ditches is heaped along the sides and on the crossings, and when it rains this dirt is a mass of sticky mud.

The walking from one side of the street to the other was much better before the crossings were put in, and the people who travel along that way think it is as little as the street committee can do to put a heavy coat of slag or cinder on the crossings and in this manner make them passable. The travel in that neighborhood is much greater than it is along some sections which have been favored with fine concrete crossings.

A Citizen.

Death From Appendicitis.

Miss Jettie Blackburn, of Williamson, accompanied by her father, Isom Blackburn, and Dr. William York, was brought to the hospital on Monday, suffering from an advanced case of appendicitis. Examination showed that the patient was in a very critical condition. The danger attending an operation under such unfavorable circumstances was made known to her and her friends, but they wanted it done in hope that it would save her life.

On Tuesday morning the operation was performed by Dr. L. H. York, but such was the condition of the girl that death ensued in about twenty-four hours. The body was taken to Williamson for burial.

Civil War Veteran Dies.

Allen Vantine, born at Cincinnati in 1833, died at his home in Maysville while sitting before the fire talking to his family. Heart disease was the cause. He served through the Civil War in the Sixteenth Kentucky infantry.

Mr. Vantine was in this section during the war, and his name is still remembered by many of the old boys in blue.

NEW COUNCIL

Met Tuesday Night and Elected Officers.

Interesting Session Presided Over by the New Mayor, John G. Burns.

The Board of City Councilmen elected in November last held a meeting on Monday night preliminary to the regular meeting on Tuesday following. At this meeting all the new Board except W. H. Adams were sworn in. The meeting then adjourned.

On Tuesday night last the Board met in regular monthly session, all being present but Adams. The meeting was called to order and presided over by Mayor Burns.

The first business was the election of a member to fill the vacancy caused by the refusal of W. H. Adams to serve. C. C. Hill was unanimously chosen.

Charter Wellman was elected and duly sworn as City Clerk.

An effort was made to elect a Fire Chief, the incumbent, Al Wellman, and Charles Ross being candidates. The result of this effort was a tie and the matter was dropped until later in the session.

Jay Vinson was elected and sworn as City Attorney.

James Carey was elected City Treasurer. He gave bond and was later duly qualified.

For City Marshal the incumbent, James Vinson was again elected. He gave bond and was sworn.

At this juncture Mr. Hill appeared and was sworn as a member of the Board. He said he had not sought the position, had no axes to grind, and would act solely for what he considered the best for the town.

Another ballot was then taken for Fire Chief, with the same candidates and the same result, a tie. It was untied by the Mayor casting his vote for Al Wellman.

At Wellman, the present efficient custodian of the public lights, was re-elected.

There was but one candidate for City Assessor, J. W. Yates, and he was duly elected and sworn.

The Mayor appointed the following committees: On finance, C. C. Hill, chairman, H. G. Wellman and M. G. Berry.

On improvement, R. L. Vinson, chairman, Garred Wilson and J. B. Peters.

A regular form upon which all claims must hereafter be written was presented and adopted.

The Clerk was ordered to keep a complete set of account books, with separate account with each city officer. C. C. Hill was directed to purchase the necessary books.

The water company was allowed a bill for water, and the Marshal was allowed a month's salary, and after considerable discussion but no action upon some minor matters the Board adjourned.

Sam Crabtree Under Arrest.

Sam Crabtree, whose local reputation is of the malodorous variety, and whose many escapades have often led him into all sorts of trouble, is again in the meshes of the law.

The Catlettsburg Tribune tells the following of his latest—not last—engagement:

Sam Crabtree, who is reputed as being one of the most interesting characters with whom the police in this section has had to do for some time, is now in the toils again and if reports be correct Samuel is likely to have a whole lot of trouble persuading the courts of West Virginia to believe that he is a proper and fit subject to be permitted to run at large.

Yesterday evening he was before the local police court here, under a charge of having been one of a trio who had purloined an overcoat from one of the guests of the York House. His alleged companions in the transaction being one Robert Blackwell, who gave his residence as Pittsburg, and Alex Wilson, who claimed to be from Lexington.

The local officers succeeded in

making the arrest of Crabtree and Blackwell but the Lexingtonian succeeded in making a safe getaway. Crabtree's case was before Judge McConnell and the evidence was such that the court dismissed him. Scarcely had he gotten from beneath the shadows of the police court when a bystander called attention to the fact that Crabtree answered the description of a man for whom the Huntington police department was looking; and whose description they had sent out all over the country.

Immediately the officers followed the man and placed him under arrest a second time. A telephone message was sent to Huntington and soon Chief Robinson and other witnesses were here and there seemed to be no difficulty in their identifying Crabtree as one of the men who stands accused of having held up and robbed a man in that city a few nights ago. He was turned over to Chief Robinson and he appeared willing to return to West Virginia without requisition from the governor and the officers left for Huntington on a street car with the prisoner.

Lawrence County High School.

Do not forget that all Lawrence county persons who have completed the common school course are eligible to enter the County High School and take a four years' course free of all tuition. The county board has contracted with Professors Byington and Kennison to teach this school and they have arranged for the course in connection with the Kentucky Normal College work. They desire to urge a full attendance and would be glad to have every eligible person take advantage of the facilities provided.

Had Growth Removed.

Monroe, the seven-year-old son of Green Evans, of Rich Creek, this county, was brought to Riverview Hospital this week, suffering from a large tumor of some kind on his head. On Wednesday the growth was removed under chloroform by Dr. York, and the little fellow is now doing well.

OIL WELL DRILLED IN

Well No. 3 Near Louisa Being Completed as We Go to Press.

About the time the NEWS went to press (one o'clock Thursday) the drilling of the oil well on Wm. O'Brien's farm on Three Mile had reached the depth at which it has been estimated the Berea grit should be found. This is the formation in which oil is expected to be found, if at all. Some of the stockholders were expected to arrive on the N. & W. train at two o'clock p. m., and drive to the well to be present while the drilling through the grit is being done. Unless something should happen to delay the work the drilling will be completed within a few hours.

Considerable interest is manifested throughout this section and the result is anxiously awaited by the public, as it will be an important index to the field.

A fine record has been made as to time. It has been only about 30 days since the machinery was loaded in West Virginia for shipment to this location. The actual drilling of the well 1700 feet deep has required only 20 days.

Rev. J. D. Garrett.

The Rev. J. D. Garrett, who has relatives in this city, has been appointed to take charge of the Wayne Circuit. He announces that he will hold the next local preachers conference at the close of the district conference May 27, 1910, at Madison, Boone county, W. Va. Every local preacher in the district is earnestly requested to attend the district conference which meets May 24 and remain for the local preachers conference the 27th.

Circuit Court.

The Lawrence Circuit Court will begin its winter term next Monday. There is a fair sized docket, both civil and penal, and the term will probably be a very busy one.

Facts About Our College.

The Kentucky Normal College, the pride and boast of this section of the State, is now fully entered upon its winter term. Its prospects were never brighter. It has long since passed the experiment stage. All doubts of its success have vanished, and now in the flush and glory of its lusty young strength, it has taken its proper place in the front rank of the best educational institutions of the land. Its open doors invite the student to a facility and to a curriculum as good and as complete as any in the land, and the NEWS, its earnest, steadfast friend, is glad to tell the pleasing fact that hundreds of knowledge seeking young men and women have accepted the invitation and are thronging its corridors and its classrooms, eager to obtain that of which no man can rob them—a good education.

It is safe to say that during the present month at least two hundred, probably more, new students will be enrolled in the Kentucky Normal College. One day over a hundred pupils arrived, and they have come by every succeeding train. Many of the country schools in the valley have not yet finished their terms, and at their close many of the pupils as well as their teachers will come here for instruction. Let them come. The school is large, and so is the hospitality and welcome of our citizens. The best of them appreciate the great advantage we derive from the presence of the K. N. C., and they show this appreciation in every possible way.

Look at this faculty:

W. M. Byington, Mathematics and Normal.
E. M. Kennison, Classics.
Noah Cisco, Normal.
Sherrid Spradlin, Business.
Miss Lizzie Bromley, Assistant.
Miss Harriett E. Rees, Elocution.
Miss Kate Freese, Music.
J. B. McClure, Principal Primary.
G. M. Copley, Assistant.
Mrs. Cisco, Assistant.
Miss Sallie Gayheart, Assistant.
Mrs. Ella Sullivan, Assistant.

Here is a first-class teacher in every desirable branch of learning. By this faculty a man or woman can be fitted for the activities of a useful life; can acquire knowledge which will enable them to become useful to themselves and to their fellow men.

Why, then, should you pass us by and seek instruction in foreign fields? Louisa is a city of good people, of churches, not of saloons; of refined homes, not of slums; of healthful environment, not of fever-breeding swamps.

Come, young man, young woman, come and abide with us and we will do thee good.

Fire at Nauvatom.

One of the most destructive fires in the history of the town of Nauvatom occurred Wednesday morning, beginning about six o'clock. It caught in the building occupied by S. R. Morrison as a hotel, an overheated stove being the cause. All the buildings being of wood and close together, the fire spread with great rapidity, especially as the means of fighting it were extremely limited.

It made almost a complete sweep of the block taking in its course the postoffice building, owned by M. T. Persinger, of Williamson, and rented by A. R. Field, the Huddleston building, occupied by W. B. Maynard's saloon, the John Farr building, and one owned by Tom Smith. Among the heaviest losers were the Morrison Brothers, who lost almost everything they had; W. B. Maynard, whose stock of liquors was only insured about half their value, and the Fairfax Produce Co. The entire loss occasioned by the fire is put at \$10,000. There was very little insurance.

Nauvatom, be it remembered, is the old time "Mouth of Pigeon," and is seven miles above Warfield. The writer of this remembers when it consisted of one house and the worst ford on Tug river between Louisa and the mouth of Ben.

Rev. S. A. Donahoe.

The Rev. S. A. Donahoe has been moved from Charleston to Union, S. C. The appointment is in the nature of a promotion both as to salary and field of work. Brother Donahoe's friends will be glad to have this word from him.